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Stratton Lock and Dam Resumes Full-Time Operating Schedule on May 1

SPRINGFIELD, IL – The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) today announced that the William G. Stratton Lock and Dam on the Fox River in McHenry will resume full-time daily operations for the 2011 boating season on May 1.

IDNR lock tenders will operate the Stratton Lock seven days a week from 8 a.m.-midnight May 1-September 30. The lock will be open 8 a.m.-8 p.m. seven days a week October 1-31. The lock is closed for the season each year November 1-April 30.

During the 2009 and 2010 boating seasons, the Stratton Lock operated five days a week, with operations Thursday through Saturday (and holidays) from 10 a.m.- midnight and from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. on Wednesday and Sunday.

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